

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Newly-added Claims 21-41 are supported by the specification at pages 3-26 and by the original claims. No new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Sanders for indicating that Claims 9-16 are allowable.

Claim 9 specifies that component D) comprises at least one ethoxylated alcohol, where the ethoxylated alcohol comprises 2 to 8 ethoxy groups, and the hydroxylated radical of the alcohol comprises 4 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 21 specifies, inter alia, at least one ether comprising (oligo)oxyalkyl groups, wherein component D) comprises at least one ethoxylated alcohol, wherein the ethoxylated alcohol comprises from 2 to 8 ethoxy groups and the hydrophobic radical of the alcohol comprises from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 21, and claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the same reason as Claim 9, i.e., the cited references fail to disclose or suggest a stable polymer dispersion containing recited component D). Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Takigawa et al. in view of Lange is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Claim 23 specifies a polyolefin.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are definite within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

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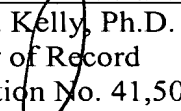
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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